

Collins Amendment No. 190 (to Amendment No. 170), to establish a reserve fund to eliminate further cuts in Medicare payments to home health agencies.

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Stabenow/Johnson Amendment No. 191 (to Amendment No. 170), to eliminate further cuts in Medicare payments to home health agencies.

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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Collins Amendment No. 190 (to Amendment No. 170) and Stabenow Amendment No. 191 (to Amendment No. 170), both listed above, on Thursday, April 5, 2001, with votes to occur on or in relation to each amendment, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Further, that following the votes, Senator Conrad be recognized to offer an amendment relative to deficit reduction.

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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing that time on the reconciliation amendment be limited to up to 3 hours equally divided in the usual form and that it become the pending business at a time to be agreed upon by the two Leaders, but prior to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2001; and that all other amendments offered on Thursday be limited to 30 minutes of debate each, equally divided in the usual form. Further, that any yielding of time from the resolution during the pendency of any remaining amendments be in order only by unanimous consent. Further, that the only first degree amendments in order on Friday, April 6, 2001, be those amendments submitted at the desk by 2 p.m. on Thursday with the exception of an amendment to be offered by the Minority Leader and an amendment to be offered by the Majority Leader and amendments cleared by the two managers.

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Theodore William Kassinger, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Sean B. O'Hollaren, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

John B. Taylor, of California, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Paula J. Dobriansky, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Global Affairs).

Stephen A. Perry, of Ohio, to be Administrator of General Services.

Maurice A. Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Erik Patrick Christian, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Chris Spear, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—72)

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 9:53 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, April 5, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3459.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION— SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRIAL BASE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on shipbuilding industrial base issues and initiatives, after receiving testimony from William P. Fricks, Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, Virginia; Gerald J. St. Pé, Northrop Grumman Litton Ship Systems, Pascagoula, Mississippi; and John K. Welch, General Dynamics Corporation, Falls Church, Virginia.

### MAD COW DISEASE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings to examine specific measures that have been taken in the United States to prevent bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) "Mad Cow Disease" and assess their adequacy, after receiving testimony from Senators Campbell and Durbin; Richard T. Johnson, Special Advisor, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health, and Stephen Sundlof, Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Alfonso Torres, Deputy

Administrator, and Linda Detwiler, Senior Staff Veterinarian, both of the Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; William D. Hueston, University of Maryland Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, College Park; Chuck Schroeder, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest, and Peter Lurie, Public Citizen's Health Research Group, all of Washington, D.C.; and James H. Hodges, American Meat Institute Foundation, and Richard Sellers, American Feed Industry Association, both of Arlington, Virginia.

#### INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND U.S. ECONOMY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine certain issues with respect to international trade and the attendant implications for the United States and world economy, receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Mickey Kantor, Washington, D.C., former Secretary of Commerce and United States Trade Representative.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Argeo Paul Cellucci, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Canada, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Kennedy and Kerry, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT PROCESS

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings to examine the current Presidential appointment process and the original purposes of the laws and processes affecting appointments, ascertain its effects on public service, and review recommendations for reform, receiving testimony from Sean O'Keefe, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; Robert J. Nash, former Director, White House Office of Presidential Personnel, Paul C. Light, Brookings Institution, Scott Harshbarger, Common Cause, Patricia McGinnis, Council for Excellence in Government, and Norman J. Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and G. Calvin Mackenzie, Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### EMPLOYMENT LAWS CONSTITUTIONALITY

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the constitutionality of employment laws, focusing on recent Supreme Court decisions affecting Congress' ability to redress employment discrimination and other un-

fair treatment of state employees, after receiving testimony from Dan Kimel, Florida State University, Tallahassee; Michael H. Gottesman, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.; Marci A. Hamilton, Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York; and David A. Strauss, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 211, to amend the Education Amendments of 1978 and the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988 to improve education for Indians, Native Hawaiians, and Alaskan Natives, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

#### CABLE AND VIDEO COMPETITIVE CHOICES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition held oversight hearings on competitive choices in the cable and multichannel video industry, focusing on deregulation results, cable rate increases, the growing direct broadcast satellite service, and the emergence of new cable systems, receiving testimony from Eddy W. Hartenstein, Hughes Electronics Corporation/DIRECTV Global, El Segundo, California; Robert Sachs, National Cable Television Association, and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Jerry Kent, Charter Communications, St. Louis, Missouri; and Robert J. Currey, RCN Corporation, Princeton, New Jersey.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings to review certain issues with respect to United States immigration policy, including the migration process between the United States and Mexico, ensuring a safe haven for foreign victims of persecution, and proposed sex trafficking legislation that would protect against the victimization of women around the world, after receiving testimony from Warren R. Leiden, Berry, Appleman and Leiden, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the American Immigration Lawyers Association; Stephen Moore, Cato Institute, Cecilia Munoz, National Council of La Raza, and Karen K. Narasaki, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, all of Washington, D.C.; Jennifer Kenney, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Chicago, Illinois; and Elizabeth C. Dickson, Ingersoll-Rand Company, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Tim S. McClain, of California, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Also, on Tuesday, April 3, committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 104 public bills, H.R. 1387–1490; and 14 resolutions, H.J. Res. 43–44; H. Con. Res. 97–104, and H. Res. 114–117, were introduced. **Pages H1481–88**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 73, expressing the sense of Congress that the 2008 Olympic Games should not be held in Beijing unless the Government of the People's Republic of China releases all political prisoners, ratifies the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and observes internationally recognized human rights, amended (H. Rept. 107–40); and

H.R. 718, to protect individuals, families, and Internet service providers from unsolicited and unwanted electronic mail, amended (H. Rept. 107–41 Pt. 1). **Page H1481**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Sununu to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1413**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Jimmy Kessler. **Page H1413**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following suspensions that were debated on Tuesday, April 3:

**Revised Edition of "Women in Congress":** H. Con. Res. 66, authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Women in Congress, 1917–1990" (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 79); and **Pages H1415–16**

**Chesapeake Bay Office of NOAA:** H.R. 642, amended, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 406 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 81). **Page H1424**

**Death Tax Elimination Act:** The House passed H.R. 8, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period by a yeas and nays vote of 274 yeas to 154 nays, Roll No. 84. **Pages H1424–58**

Rejected, by a recorded vote of 192 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 83, the Pomeroy motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to revise estate tax and gift tax provisions and provide an exemption level that eliminates estate and gift tax liability for over two-thirds of those currently subject to the tax and to exempt at least 99 percent of all farms. **Pages H1456–57**

The Committee on Ways and Means amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, H. Rept. 107–37, was considered as adopted pursuant to the rule. **Page H1426**

Rejected, by a yeas and nays vote of 201 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 82, the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to revise estate tax provisions and increase the tax exclusion in 2002 to \$2 million and double the amount for couples. **Pages H1445–55**

Agreed to H. Res. 111, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, by a yeas and nays vote of 413 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 80. **Pages H1416–24**

**Resignations—Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, April 24, 2001, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H1458**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 25, 2001. **Page H1458**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf